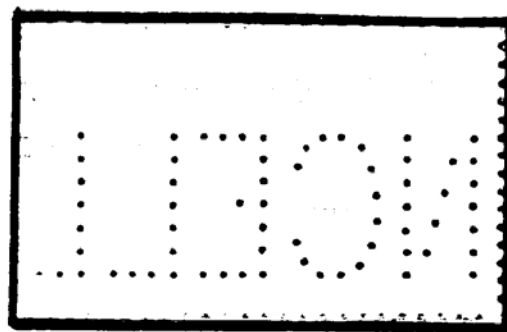
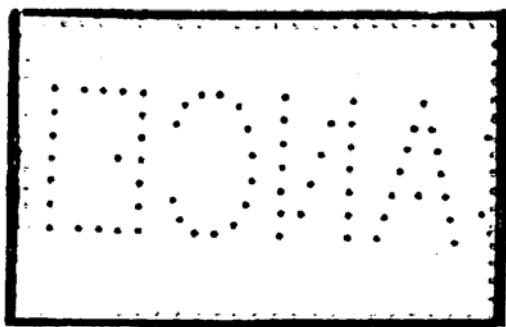


REGISTRY OF BUSINESS NAMES

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The "R.B.N" perfin of the Registry of Business Names is well known, used from 1939 (see the Society's Publication "GB Official Perfins"). However I have what may prove to be an earlier perfin from this Registry. Above are illustrations of two KGV 5/- Seahorse issues which show parts of a large carpet perfin which I assume reads "CANCELLED". The stamps have clear cancellations "Registry of Business Names Princes House Kingsway WC2" and are dated in 1931. Are these examples of the earlier use of a perforated device to cancel stamps used to pay fees at this registry. If any members have examples or further information the catalogue editor would be pleased to hear from them.